

THE LONDON DUNGEON

some of the horrible history you'll learn...

- 35,000 Londoners died of plague in 1603; find out how it spread and the crazy cures people resorted to
- In 1763 stealing a loaf of bread was an capital ofence as were hundreds more; see the full (and very long) Black List of crimes
- What a gong farmer did for a living in the middle ages. Clue: he had a very smelly job
- Gunpowder plotter Guy Fawkes faced 10 days of torture, but never revealed the names of his fellow conspirators
- Tongue tearers or red hot pokers? Which torture implements were favoured by mediaeval torturers, and what crimes were they used for?
- The gruesome facts behind Jack the Ripper's reign of terror and just who the suspects were from Royalty and aristocracy to the author Lewis Carroll
- What Anne Boleyn said before she died; hear her final speech before her head was sliced of with a sword by order of her husband
- Leeches were a favourite form of medical treatment in the 17th Century when barbers were surgeons and surgeons were barbers
- How did the executioner at Newgate Prison calculate the exact "the drop" for this victims (that's how long the rope should be for a perfect hanging!)

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